

IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: **Kaszuba, et al.**

Case: **8306/DSM/BCVD/JW**

Serial No.: **10/775,769**

Filed: **February 5, 2004**

Examiner: **Dhingra, Rakesh Kumar**

Group Art Unit: **1763**

Confirmation No.: **9333**

Title: **APPARATUS FOR REDUCING ENTRAPMENT OF FOREIGN MATTER
ALONG A MOVEABLE SHAFT OF A SUBSTRATE SUPPORT**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S I R:

SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

In response to the Examiner's Amendment responsive to the telephone interview with Keith Taboada on November 10, 2006, the Applicants submit the following statement regarding the substance of the interview.

- (A) No exhibits or demonstrations were conducted.
- (B) Claims 1 and 21 were discussed.
- (C) U.S. Patent 5,273,588 ('588 Patent) was discussed.
- (D) The proposed claim amendments to claims 1 and 21 were indicated as overcoming the reference of record because the sleeve of the '588 Patent does not contact or seal with the shaft.
- (E) The Examiner's Interview Summary correctly describes the interview and the proposed amendment.

(F) No other pertinent matters were discussed.


(G) The Applicants have filed an amendment responsive to the office action that reflects proposed amendments discussed in the Examiner Interview.

Although Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0780 for any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

If, however, the Examiner believes that any unresolved issues still exist, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Keith Taboada at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Nov 27, 2006
Date



Keith P. TABOADA
Attorney Reg. No. 45,150
(732) 530-9404

Patterson & Sheridan, LLP
595 Shrewsbury Avenue
Suite 100
Shrewsbury, NJ 07702